September 16, 2006

Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 445 12th Street, SW Room TW-A325 Washington, DC 20554

CC Docket No. 96-45 and CC Docket No. 02-6

RE: Appeal to Request Waiver of Rules and Decision by USAC-SLD

This Appeal is a Request for Waiver of the Rules in conjunction with a funding decision levied by the Universal Services Administrative Company (USAC) Schools and Libraries Division (SLD). United Systems, Inc., is a Service Provider participating in the Universal Service Fund E-rate program with a Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN) of 143004698, and is submitting this Appeal on behalf of our customers, listed as Applicants below.

USAC began withholding all invoice payments for United Systems, Inc. in April of 2005 due to a compliance review, and as of November 30, 2005 had not released any payments. This caused our creditors to put a hold on purchases of products. Due to our financial situation, we could not complete projects within their original service delivery timeframe of September 30, 2005.

The applicants filed Form 500 Contract Extensions on all of these FRNs prior to September 30, 2005 in order to lengthen the timeframe for delivery of products and services.

USAC cleared United Systems and began releasing invoice payments to us in December 2005. As these payments were released, the Service Provider was able to clear credit lines and begin purchasing products for the E-rate projects again. However, SLD notified the United Systems that in addition to the Form 500 Contract Extension, a Service Delivery Extension would need to be filed to allow funding to be released for these projects. When the United Systems tried to file the Service Delivery Extension it was rejected by SLD since it was filed after the original Service Delivery Deadline. Waiver of the rules to support this extension is necessary to allow the applicant's approved and funded projects to be completed.

The applicant's situation met the standard requirements for an extension because:

- 1. The Service Provider, United Systems, Inc. was unable to complete delivery and installation for reasons beyond the service provider's control.
- 2. The Service Provider, United Systems, Inc. was unwilling to complete delivery and installation after USAC withheld payment for those services on a properly-submitted invoice for more than 60 days after submission of the invoice.

The applicants affected by this appeal are as follows:

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Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN): 143004698

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Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN): 143004698

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Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN): 143004698

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Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN): 143004698

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Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN): 143004698

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Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN): 143004698

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Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN): 143004698

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Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN): 143004698

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Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN): 143004698

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Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN): 143004698

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Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN): 14304698

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Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN): 143004698

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Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN): 143004698

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Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN): 143004698

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Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN): 143004698

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Funding Request Number (FRN): 1136270 Service Provider Name: United Systems, Inc.

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Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN): 143004698

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Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN): 143004698

It appears that the USAC/SLD has no ability to assist in this matter without direction from the FCC. This appeal is necessary to prevent the affected applicants from being put in an unfair position by a situation that was outside of their control. In most situations, the applicants filed subsequent year E-rate applications thinking they would receive products and services from these funding requests. Being denied this funding puts them at a significant disadvantage given the new 2 of 5 funding rules associated with the program.

Your prompt attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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